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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS REVIEW: ASWAN SUMMIT BEGINS

SUMMARY: JAN 8 PRESS HEADLINES OPENING OF BEGIN-SADAT
SUMMIT IN ASWAN. SOVIET VETO OF UNSC RESOLUTION ON
AFGHANISTAN ALSO PROMINENTLY REPORTED, AS IS CONCLUSION
OF MUBARAK TALKS IN BEIJING. MINDEF HASSAN ALI TOLD
REPORTERS EGYPT IS PREPARED TO GIVE U.S. FACILITIES, BUT
NOT BASES, TO ASSIST ARAB STATES OR TO
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RESCUE HOSTAGES. PAPERS NOTE MINSTATE MANSOUR HASSAN
MET IN CAIRO WITH TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF AFGHAN INSUR-
GENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. EGYPT/ISRAEL. JAN 8 HEADLINES STATE "U.S. FOLLOWING
ASWAN TALKS WITH INTEREST." SADAT'S EXPECTATION
THAT OTHER ARABS WILL JOIN NEGOTIATIONS IS PROMINENTLY
REPORTED, AS IS BEGIN'S ASSERTION THAT TWO LEADERS'
VIEWS ON CURRENT PROBLEMS ARE CLOSE. DISCUSSIONS ON

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NORMALIZATION AND AUTONOMY REPORTEDLY ARE TO TAKE PLACE TODAY. JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE MAY BE POSTPONED TO ALLOW THIRD BILATERAL SESSION. PAPERS SEPARATELY NOTE AMBASSADOR DELIVERED LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO SADAT PRIOR TO HIS MEETING WITH BEGIN. THERE IS NO SPECULATION AS TO CONTENT OF MESSAGE.

2. AFGHANISTAN. SOVIET VETO OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES FROM AFGHANISTAN IS REPORTED BY ALL PAPERS. AKHBAR, REPORTING FROM WASHINGTON, SAYS U.S. RECOGNIZES SADAT WAS AMONG FIRST WORLD LEADERS TO WARN AGAINST SOVIET MIDDLE EAST AMBITIONS. PAPER ALSO CARRIES SENATOR JACKSON STATEMENT THAT EGYPT IS "CENTER OF GRAVITY IN DEFENSE OF MIDDLE EAST AGAINST ARMED COMMUNIST INTERVENTION." MINSTATE MANSOUR HASSAN MET YESTERDAY WITH MOHAMMED HAROUN AL MAGDOUDI AND ZIA NASSERI, WHO REPORTEDLY REPRESENT AFGHAN MUSLIM INSURGENTS. NASSERI TOLD PRESS HE IS SEEKING WEAPONS TO OPPOSE SOVIETS. REPORTEDLY, NASSERI WILL GO TO IRAN TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.

3. MUBARAK. VP MUBARAK IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE BEIJING TODAY AFTER COMPLETING TALKS WITH CHINESE LEADERS DURING UNCLASSIFIED.
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WHICH PREMIER HUA GUOFENG REPORTEDLY EXTENDED INVITATION FOR SADAT TO VISIT PRC. PRESS IMPLIES BILATERAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEES ON MILITARY, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS WILL CONTINUE MEETING AFTER MUBARAK DEPARTS.

4. U.S. USE OF EGYPTIAN FACILITIES. IN RESPONSE TO BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS FOLLOWING BEGIN ARRIVAL IN ASWAN, MINDEF HASSAN ALI REITERATED THAT EGYPT HAS NOT OFFERED ANY MILITARY BASES TO U.S. BUT IS PREPARED TO ALLOW U.S. USE OF EGYPTIAN FACILITIES TO ASSIST ARAB STATES OR TO FREE TEHRAN HOSTAGES. MINDEF ALI TOLD REPORTERS THAT EGYPT WOULD NOT ASSIST U.S. OCCUPATION OF IRAN (AS OPPOSED TO HOSTAGE RELEASE EFFORT), BUT SAID IF AFGHAN PEOPLE ASK U.S. HELP "SITUATION WOULD BE DIFFERENT." ALI DENIED THERE HAVE BEEN ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. ON FACILITIES AND REFUSED TO COMMENT ON POSSIBLE EGYPTIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO AFGHAN TRIBESMEN.

5. TERRORIST PLOT. PAPERS REPORT STATE SECURITY PROSECUTOR HAS ORDERED DETENTION OF ALLEGED IRANIAN TERRORIST PENDING TRIAL. INVESTIGATION REPORTEDLY CONTINUES OF FOUR OTHERS IMPLICATED IN CASE. PRESS NOTES PRISONER HAS ALLEGED THAT KHOMEINI PERSONALLY REVIEWS FEDAYEEN ISLAM SABOTAGE PLANS, INCLUDING ONE TARGETED AGAINST EGYPT. AHERTON

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